

April 20

2 Peter 2:1-3,
12-15, 18-19;
James 1:13-15

**“Deceived—
Led Away”**



2 Peter 2:1-3

¹ But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. ² And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. ³ And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

2 Peter 12-15

¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; ¹³ And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with **their own deceivings** while they feast with you; ¹⁴ Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed

children:

¹⁵ Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

2 Peter 18-19

¹⁸ For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. ¹⁹ While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants

of **corruption**: for **of whom** a
man is overcome, **of the same**
is he brought in bondage.

Wanton means: lewd, outrageous,
promiscuous, shameless,
unprincipled, unscrupulous,
wayward, malicious, arbitrary,
contrary, evil, merciless, ornery,
perverse, senseless, spiteful,
unjustifiable, vicious, wicked,
willful, careless, capricious,
changeable, fickle, frivolous,
lavish, rash, reckless, unrestrained,
wasteful, and wild.

James 1:13-15

¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: ¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust,

and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

What leads or draws
YOU away from truth?
Are there really some
who follow false

prophets or false
teachers who
deliberately speak
evil against truth?
What can Followers
of Christ do to
prevent being
deceived and
led away?